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**Subject: Diabetes Education Program: Fee Schedule Update and Discontinued
State-Unique Procedure Codes**

Effective for dates of service on and after August 1, 2003, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will **discontinue** all state-unique procedure codes previously used in the Diabetes Education Program.

Maximum Allowable Fees

The 2003 Washington State Legislature **has not appropriated a vendor rate increase** for the 2004 state fiscal year. Therefore, the maximum allowable fees for the Diabetes Education Program will remain at their current levels.

Coding Changes

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires all healthcare payers to process and pay electronic claims using a standardized set of procedure codes. MAA is discontinuing all state-unique procedure codes and modifiers and will require the use of applicable Current Procedural Terminology (CPT™) and Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes.

Discontinued State-Unique Codes

The following state-unique codes will be discontinued for claims with dates of service after July 30, 2003:

Discontinued State-Unique Code	Description
1650M	Nutrition Core Module
1651M	Exercise Core Module
1652M	Prevention of Acute Complications Core Module
1653M	Prevention of Chronic Complications Core Module
1654M	Monitoring Core Module
1655M	Medication Core Module



Note: MAA will not reimburse for any of the state-unique procedure codes above for claims with dates of service on and after August 1, 2003.

Billing for Diabetes Education Services Using CPT and HCPCS Codes

Use the following standardized HCPCS codes to describe the services provided.

Discontinued Code	Replacement Procedure Code	Description	Limits
1651M 1652M 1653M 1654M 1655M	S9445	Patient education, not otherwise classified, non-physician provider, per session One unit = 1 hour	Maximum of six (6) hours of patient education/diabetic management allowed per client, per calendar year.
	S9460	Diabetic management program, nurse visit One unit = 1 hour	Maximum of six (6) hours of patient education/diabetic management allowed per client, per calendar year.
1650M	S9465	Diabetic management program, dietitian visit One unit = 1 hour	Maximum of six (6) hours of patient education/diabetic management allowed per client, per calendar year.

- MAA reimburses a maximum of **six (6) hours of patient education/diabetic management per client, per calendar year.**
- Procedure codes may be billed as a single unit, in multiple units, and/or in combinations for a maximum of six hours (6 units).
- A minimum of **one hour of education/management must be provided** per billed unit. Any combination of the codes may be used to meet the individual needs of the client.
- Diabetes education may be provided in a group or individual setting, or a combination of both, depending on the client's needs.



Note: MAA does not reimburse for diabetes education if those services are an expected part of another program provided to the client (e.g. school-based health services or adult day health services).

Provider Qualifications/Requirements

- All physicians, ARNPs, clinics, hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and Rural Health Clinics are eligible to apply to be a diabetes education provider. The Diabetes Control Program (DCP) at the Department of Health (DOH) develops the application criteria and evaluates all applications for this program.
- For more information on becoming a diabetes education provider and to obtain an application, write or call:

Diabetes Control Program
Department of Health
PO Box 47836
Olympia, WA 98504-7836
(360) 236-3617

- Once the approval has been given by DOH, an MAA billing provider number will be assigned. Use this billing provider number on all diabetes education claims billed to MAA.

Billing and Reimbursement Requirements

- In order to participate in the diabetes education program, a licensed primary health care provider must refer the client.
- In order to receive reimbursement for diabetes education, the provider must:
 - ✓ Bill using the procedure codes listed below;
 - ✓ Bill using the MAA-assigned diabetes education *billing provider number*. **Only clinics can bill for diabetes education using an approved *billing provider number* – individual instructors may not bill using their *performing provider numbers* alone;**
 - ✓ In addition to the approved billing group or clinic provider number, the appropriate box on the claim form must be filled in with either a valid MAA-assigned provider number or, if the provider does not have such a number, the name of the performing provider.
 - For direct entry, key the valid performing provider number in the appropriate numeric field, or key the name of the performing provider in the comment field.
 - For electronic entry, key the valid performing provider number or the name of the performing provider in the performing provider field.
 - For hard copy (HCFA-1500 claim form), indicate the valid performing provider number or the name of the performing provider in the Physician Identification Number (PIN#) field in box 33.

Fee Schedule

Procedure Code	Description	7/1/03 Maximum Allowable Fee
S9445	Patient education, not otherwise classified, non-physician provider, per session	\$45.68 per hour
S9460	Diabetic management program, nurse visit	\$45.68 per hour
S9465	Diabetic management program, dietitian visit	\$45.68 per hour

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